

TRANS-PACIFIC PARTNERSHIP

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 22, 2016

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, I join my colleagues in the Congressional Progressive Caucus in strong opposition to the Trans-Pacific Partnership.

When it comes to trade deals and American jobs, Congress should NEVER be a rubber stamp.

As the representative from California's beautiful 13th Congressional district, I have the honor and privilege of representing the Port of Oakland, one of our nation's busiest sea and airport facilities.

I support trade because it is critical to the economy of my district and our nation.

But trade is only good when it's fair, open, transparent and creates good-paying American jobs. The TPP fails to meet even one of these standards.

Quite simply, TPP is a bad deal that would ship American jobs overseas and help the 1 percent reap even greater profits.

The American people aren't fooled by TPP. The vast majority of Americans—including people from both parties—oppose the Trans-Pacific Partnership.

In particular, I'd like to highlight how previous bad trade deals have hurt American workers, families and businesses, especially in communities of color.

Since 1994, one in four manufacturing jobs in my home state of California has been lost because of NAFTA and other WTO agreements.

But this didn't just happen in California. From 1998 through 2012, under NAFTA:

79,000 manufacturing jobs, nearly half of manufacturing jobs, were lost in St. Louis,

82,000 manufacturing jobs, also nearly half of manufacturing jobs, were lost in Cleveland, and

25,000 manufacturing jobs were lost in Baltimore.

Given the large number of people of color in these cities, these jobs lost took a particular toll on these communities.

In fact—nationwide, thirty-five percent of jobs lost because of our trade deficit with China came from communities of color.

For those that lost their jobs, the situation went from bad to worse—when they finally found a new job, not an easy task in many communities of color, their paychecks were cut by nearly 30 percent.

This is outrageous. These lost jobs and wages cost these communities of color more than 10 million dollars each and every year.

As Members of Congress, we simply cannot allow another, even worse trade deal to drive these communities deeper into poverty.

But it isn't just jobs and paychecks that will suffer under the TPP; critical labor standards, environmental protections and human rights would be eroded as well.

It would also restrict access to lifesaving drugs and artificially inflate drug prices.

As co-chair of the bipartisan HIV/AIDS Caucus, I want to highlight that in July 2015, UNAIDS warned against the TPP's TRIPS-plus (Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights) measures because of negative impact on developing countries.

This is why my colleagues and I are here saying NO to the TPP.

It was negotiated in secret back rooms by special interests and multinational corporations. Nothing in this deal is good for the American people.

Far from being the most progressive trade deal ever—this deal will ship American jobs overseas and create a race to the bottom for wages, environmental protections, labor standards and human rights.

Let me be clear, the American people deserve better.

We need a fair deal that creates U.S. jobs and grows our economy. We will continue to fight against this bad deal.

IN CELEBRATION OF MR. LIONEL
LEBLANC'S 91ST BIRTHDAY**HON. FRANK C. GUINTA**

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

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Mr. GUINTA. Mr. Speaker, I would like to express my congratulations to Lionel Leblanc in celebration of reaching his 91st birthday.

As he reflects on the great memories that have highlighted the past ninety-one years, I know he will think fondly on all that he's accomplished and the positive impact he's had on New Hampshire.

Mr. Leblanc is an ardent patriot who proudly served his country with the Army Air Corps during World War II. As a member of the greatest generation he continued to serve his country for 38 years in what would later become the U.S. Air Force, retiring as a Master Sergeant and specialist in Weapons Systems Maintenance. Once separated from the Air Force, Lionel continued to serve his fellow veterans as a Commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and remains to this day a strong supporter of numerous veterans groups and charities in the state. His dedication to his fellow veterans has not been forgotten and I know they all join with me in wishing him a very happy birthday.

It is with great admiration that I congratulate Mr. Leblanc on achieving this wonderful milestone, and wish him the best on all future endeavors.

IN RECOGNITION OF EXECUTIVE
VICE PRESIDENT JOHN C. FISHER,
OHIO FARM BUREAU**HON. ROBERT E. LATTA**

OF OHIO

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Mr. LATTA. Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to recognize John C. "Jack" Fisher, the Executive Vice President of the Ohio Farm Bureau for his dedicated service to Ohio agriculture.

Throughout his career, Jack worked tirelessly to make agriculture a true asset and economic driver for the state of Ohio. His vision has allowed Ohio to continue to be at the forefront of agriculture, which is vital for American and global success. Jack's ability to bring different groups together for productive dialogue has helped ensure the continued fostering of innovation and collaboration. His

management has been invaluable to the agricultural community in the state.

Ohio, the agricultural community, and the Farm Bureau will truly miss his leadership, and I extend my deepest thanks to Jack for his service and I wish him well in retirement.

HONORING 60 YEARS OF CAULKINS
JEWELERS**HON. BARBARA COMSTOCK**

OF VIRGINIA

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Mrs. COMSTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I would like to acknowledge my constituent, Stanley Caulkins, and his jewelry store, Caulkins Jewelers, on celebrating 60 years of business in Leesburg, Virginia.

Before opening his own store, Mr. Caulkins' life took him down many paths. During the Second World War, Mr. Caulkins served his nation as a radio operator on a B-17 Bomber, upon returning home he attended Montgomery Jr. College and the Peter School of Horology in Washington, DC. In 1950, Stanley began working for a local jeweler on South King Street repairing watches and jewelry before buying his own store in 1956. Ever since, Caulkins Jewelers has been a fixture of the Leesburg community.

Mr. Caulkins has also been an active in the Leesburg community. In addition to being the longest serving individual retailer in town, in 1962 he started the Downtown Renaissance in an effort to beautify downtown Leesburg. Mr. Caulkins has also served on the town council, the airport commission, and as Secretary, Treasurer, and President of the Leesburg Rotary Club. At 90 years of age, Stanley continues to diligently serve his community.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in recognizing Stanley Caulkins and Caulkins Jewelers as they celebrate this milestone. His dedication to both Caulkins Jewelers and Leesburg, Virginia has made him a friendly face in the Leesburg community. I wish Mr. Caulkins all the best in his future endeavors.

HONORING THE CAREER AND AC-
COMPLISHMENTS OF AUDRA
MCDONALD**HON. JIM COSTA**

OF CALIFORNIA

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Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Audra McDonald as she is recognized with the National Medal of Arts award, presented by the President of the United States.

The National Medal of Arts award is the highest award given to artists by the United States government, and Audra has undoubtedly earned the prestigious award.

Audra's successful acting and singing career began in her hometown, Fresno, California. Audra grew up in California's San Joaquin Valley and was raised by her mother, Anna, and late father, Stanley. Her parents taught Audra and her sister, Allison, the importance of hard work and dedication. At age 9,